

### Drive Away the "Blues."

I'm not trying to censure, understand, but it is absolutely useless to have the "blues."

The grouch never alleviates distress nor mitigates sorrow or afflictions, never adds one cent to your purse nor does it create for your happiness or prosperity.

The blue funk is a wandering of the mind over nothing, a visionary meandering with a fruitless reward, a depraving fallacy that that has no existence in God's realm of thought, word or deed.

When you eliminate love and its attributes from your thoughts and allow the weeds of carnality to destroy your better nature you follow the will of the wisp through the slough of despondency and despair.

God said "Let there be light," and it was so. "Seek and ye shall find. Knock and it (His Spirit) shall be opened unto you."

If you could only realize that you do not belong to him, but are a part of him, and joint heir with Christ, that Jesus is our elder brother and not, alone, as they, our redeemer, life would be happier here and the establishment of the Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man would be a realization. Earth would be heaven itself and render bounteously, from nature's storehouse, her blessings to all humanity. Your burdens and cares would be lightened and your journey through this cycle to The Blessed One, where all is peace and love, would be more pleasant for you.

You worry and fret yourself sick over things you can't avoid, which is wasted energy, but there's a brighter day ahead, and from every living heart and heart-stone all over this broad land of ours there will yet swell the chorus of a union, when again touched, as surely they will be, by a higher conception of the records of his teachings. God is Love. Eternity is endless and you are a part of it just as much as God himself. Then why do you close the portals of your souls like the touch-me-not and shut out the beauties that surround you.

When you permit private cares to encompass your thoughts, you like the sensitive plant, close the drapery of your sensitivity about you and have a case of the "Blues".

If you would only see the bright side of life as it is you would have no time for melancholly thought for the grandeur of the beauties before you would not allow procrastination to steal from you your best impulse in life.

R. D. FOSTER

### Rural Route No. 4.

We are having nice dust storms these days.

McColough has his new house done. Johnnie Long done the plastering of it.

Corel Davis has been plastering Mrs. Thompson's house this week.

Mrs. Jessie Ponting spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Wilbern Risley.

Fred Odneal has a nice new shed for his cows this winter.

Last Saturday while grinding Bud Neff had quite an accident, while reaching over to stop the engine his sleeves on his left arm got caught and held him fast, it stopped the engine, Henry and Jesse Ponting were there getting some grinding done, they took their knives and cut him loose, cutting four sleeves, it bruised and sprained his arm but no bones were broken.

Charlie Dickerson was hauling feed Monday.

Mrs. William Ponting took the train last week for Greensburg, Kansas where she will join her husband who is running a skating rink at that place.

Mr. McColough from Liberal was out on his place during the holidays. Chrille Neff and wife and Joe Neff were in Liberal Saturday.

Willis Hunt was hauling straw from Beaver County, Oklahoma last week.

Baxter Baos best girl must live east now.

Chappen boys were up and stored away a part of their broomcorn Saturday.

Most all the broomcorn in this neighborhood is sold.

Mayor Miller is out of town on business.

### JUST FIGURES OF SPEECH

Clever Ventriloquist Outwits Members of Audience Who Determined to Confound Him.

A well-known and exceedingly clever ventriloquist who had consented to give a performance in aid of charity heard that certain members of his prospective audience were determined to watch the movements of his mouth with the closest scrutiny with a view of confounding him.

The night came, the attendants wheeled in three "dummies" on chairs, and the artist made his appearance. His performance was unusually successful, the muscles of his face giving no evidence of his art. The changes of voice were marvelous, and the astonished crowd, at the close of the exhibition, gave him rousing applause. Again and again they called him back, and he expressed his pleasure by innumerable bows.

At last the applause ceased, and he was permitted to retire. Scarcely had he done so when the three "lay" figures got up from their chairs and walked off the stage!

The ventriloquist had employed three friends to impersonate his usual mechanical figures.

### WAS TOO IMPRESSIONISTIC

Condescending Duchess' Observation on Viewing One of Sargent's Sketchy Effects.

An artist, as his trunks were being examined on the Cunard pier in New York, talked about John S. Sargent.

"Yes," he said, "Sargent is a great painter. Rather impressionistic, rather sketchy, you know—still a great painter for all that."

Here the artist paused to remove his left shoe in order that the customs officer might search it for concealed gems. After regaining the shoe he went on:

"But Sargent's rough, impressionistic style often gets him into trouble among his rich and aristocratic London patrons. Last spring, after finishing three or four new things, he gave a tea at his studio in Tite street, and they say that at this tea a duchess, having scanned his chief d'oeuvre a long while through her gold lorgnon, said to Mr. Sargent in the condescending tone that duchesses use toward all who work:

"I say, I like this, you know. I should go on with this if I were you."

### BRAVE DEED RECALLED.

The death of Theophilus Jones, which occurred at Falmouth recently, recalls a brave deed of the sixties. In the year 1867, the barque Marmion was driven on the rocks in Falmouth bay during a gale, and the sea was so rough that no boat could render aid. Theophilus Jones, then a young man, seized a rope and determined to swim to the doomed ship half a mile away. Twice he was hurled back, but at the third attempt he accomplished his purpose. Finding one man on deck helpless owing to a broken leg, Jones tore up his own clothing for bandages and with broken spars improvised splints. By means of a rope connecting the ship and the shore 13 lives were saved. Queen Victoria bestowed the Albert medal on Jones.

### CAUSE OF ESTRANGEMENT.

"Is it proper," she asked, "for a wife to call herself her husband's helpmeet or his helpmate?"

"Well," he replied, "I can't see how it will be proper for her to call herself either if she wears a hobble skirt and tries to support her family on his earnings."

The next day he applied to the landlord for the privilege of subletting their flat.

### NO CHANCE FOR ARGUMENT.

"I wouldn't marry her if she had a million."

"That's no mere guess. I'd take her myself if she had that much."

### ITS PARADOXICAL ASPECT.

"Don't you think much thought should be given to the drink business?"

"Yes. Much sober thought."

### TOO MUCH TO EXPECT.

Hewitt—Does the climate agree with your wife?

Jewitt—That's more than I'd expect of any climate.—Smart Set.

### Friendship Items

Having plenty of wind the past few days, but no moisture yet.

Some member of almost every family is suffering with the Grippe.

Marie Vogt is quite sick. A doctor from Liberal was called Tuesday to see her.

Mrs. Farrel has been sick but is better at this writing.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Winphery who has been dangerously ill for the past week is reported better at this time.

A. J. Nix and J. H. Slayton were business visitors in Tyrone last Saturday.

J. W. Fields and wife and daughter Thelma spent Friday night and Sunday in Liberal at the home of A. P. Landess.

M. M. Maricle and wife visited C. B. Evans and wife one day the past week.

Mrs. J. H. Slayton spent the day Saturday with her sister Mrs. A. J. Nix.

J. M. Cleek and wife and M. Shafer and wife were in Liberal last Saturday.

C. F. Stephenson and wife and daughter Clara May visited J. W. Fields and family last Sunday.

E. D. Clevenger is having a well drilled on his place. Mr. Cassidy is doing the work.

M. Maricle and wife visited J. E. Watson and family last Sunday.

C. G. Combs is improving his place with some new-buildings.

Miss Lillie Clevenger spent Sunday with her sister Mrs. Jim Smith.

Mrs. R. L. Hill and daughter Margaret visited with Mrs. C. F. Stephenson one day last week.

Miss Vesta Rand visited Miss Lillian Dechazo last Sunday.

### Enterprise Items.

Eldridge Young went to Bloom, Kansas last week.

Mrs. U. W. Kent and Miss Freda Harris visited the Friendship school last Thursday.

Mrs. Jake Sauers was visiting with Mrs. E. M. Sullivan last Saturday.

Many of the people of the neighborhood have been sick with bad colds the past week.

Mrs. A. E. Rosa and Miss Freda Harris called on Mrs. E. M. Sullivan last Wednesday.

Mrs. Theo Newell has gone to Bloom, Kansas.

Miss Dora Warren has been sick this week.

Mrs. Emma West visited with Mrs. J. L. Duerson Sunday.

J. L. Duerson went to Tyrone Tuesday.

J. S. West returned from Missouri this week, and his brother Earl West came with him.

You lose if you don't do your trading at the New York store, and get some of that fine china they are giving away.

### W. C. T. U. Notes.

The Union will hold their food sale Saturday afternoon precisely at 2 p. m. All members that have not been canvassed for supplies, you are asked to assist, and to our many friends out side of the Union would say, come, bring your friends, there is always room for one more \$. There will also be a special meeting not alone to the few but to the many. Meeting at the usual place, W. C. T. U. Rest Room.

The surprise or shower for the benefit of Mrs. T. Wheeler will also be at the Rest Room Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Wheeler has served as local President of the Union for years and has been been faithful and a friend to all. We trust her many friends both in and out side of the W. C. T. U. will generously assist in making the shower lovingly remembered.

The W. C. T. U. meeting of last week at the Public Rest Room was not only a business but a social success as well. Seldom if ever have we had a meeting with kindness in all its bearings, not only among members but strangers also.

The regular W. C. T. U. meeting will be held Friday after at 3 p. m.

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